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Each branch of the United States Military has its own official flag. The several branches of the United States Armed Forces are represented by flags. Within the U.S. military, various [military flags](#) fly on various occasions, and on various ships, bases, camps, and military academies. Use of simple flags as military ensigns became common during the medieval period, developing in parallel with heraldry as a complement to the heraldic device shown on shields.

Technically speaking, the term military flag is used for a variant of a national flag for use by a country's military forces when on land, also called a war flag. Under the strictest sense of the term, few countries today have proper war flags, most preferring to use instead their state flag or standard national flag for this purpose. In this article, when referring to military flags, it talks about the Flags of the United States Armed Forces - the different flags or ensigns that represent the several branches of the United States Armed Forces. Within the U.S. military, various flags fly on various occasions, and on various ships, bases, camps, and military academies.

Displaying your military flags have a set of rules to follow with regards to the order of the flags. Whether they are being marched in a parade or flown outside a home or Government building, there is a specific order in which all flags must be displayed. In general, the order of precedence (from viewer's left to right), the National Flag of the United States of America flies first, then the American State Flags, and next the American Military Flags. According to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), the order of precedence when flying the flags of the Armed Forces of the United States when in formation, display military flags in this order:

- [Army](#)
- [Marine Corps](#)
- [Navy](#)
- [Air Force](#)
- [Coast Guard](#)

## The POW/MIA Flag

The National League of Families POW/MIA flag, also known as the POW/MIA flag or simply the POW flag, consists of a silhouette of a prisoner of war (POW) before a guard tower and barbed wire in white on a black field. The [POW flag](#) has become an icon of American culture, a representation of the nation's concern for military service personnel missing and unaccounted for in overseas wars.

When flying the POW/MIA flag on the same flag pole as the United States flag, it should always be flown below the United States flag, never above. Generally, the POW flag is generally not

included in a color guard, however it is declared in US law that several federal buildings and national war memorials will fly the POW flag alongside the American flag throughout the year. According to the DOD the POW flag flies continuously over:

- The White House
- The Capitol Rotunda
- The Korean War Veterans Memorial
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- The World War II Memorial
- Each National Cemetery
- Buildings containing the offices of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Director of the Selective Service System
- Each major military installation
- Each U.S. post office

Additionally, the POW flag should be flown on the following dates:

- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day (3rd Friday in September)
- Veterans Day (November 11)

Every day, both in the National Cemetery, and in front of the National Prisoner of War Museum, Andersonville National Historic Site proudly displays the POW/MIA as a symbol of our mission to tell the full story of prisoners of war.

If you're looking for what type of [American military flags](#) to own, there are a lot of options available in stores everywhere. What you're looking for are long lasting durable flags that can fly in different weather conditions - be it harsh sunlight, or heavy rainfall. Depending on your needs, whether you'll be flying your flags indoors or outdoors, choosing what fabric it's made of is important. Most outdoor military flags are made with heavyweight nylon or polyester. This material provides great durability even when flying against the elements.

Nylon is an ideal material for creating flags that last outdoors; resilient to fungi, and mold. Heavy duty, our heavyweight nylon flags are screen printed using clear, vivid colors. Polyester is duller and rougher to the touch. Plus, it's heavier than nylon, so it takes a considerably strong breeze to fly properly.

We offer many other variations of U.S. military flags, so please make sure to browse through our entire selection and find the exact flag you need. Each branch of the United States armed service fills a vital role in keeping our nation safe. That is why at [Star Spangled Flags](#) you can

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